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13	JAVIER GOMEZ, an individual, GOLDSTAR MUSIC &	CASE NO. 2:24-cv-4310 JAK (SKx) Judge: Hon. John A. Kronstadt
14	MANAGEMENT LLC, a Puerto Rico limited liability company, and	STIPULATED PROTECTIVE
15	MANAGEMENT LLC, a Puerto Rico limited liability company, and HECTOR DELGADO ROMAN p/f/a "HECTOR EL FATHER", an	ORDER EXCEPT AS MODIFIED BY THE COURT
16	individual,	[Discovery Document submitted to
17	Plaintiff,	Hon. Steve Kım]
18	V.	Filed: May 23, 2024
19	UMG RECORDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive,,	
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21	Defendant.	
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1. A. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

Discovery in this action is likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this litigation may be warranted. Accordingly, the parties hereby stipulate to and petition the Court to enter the following Stipulated Protective Order. The parties acknowledge that this Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery and that the protection it affords from public disclosure and use extends only to the limited information or items that are entitled to confidential treatment under the applicable legal principles. The parties further acknowledge, as set forth in Section 12.3 (Filing Protected Material), below, that this Stipulated Protective Order does not entitle them to file confidential information under seal; Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the procedures that must be followed and the standards that will be applied when a party seeks permission from the court to file material under seal.

B. GOOD CAUSE STATEMENT

This action is likely to involve trade secrets and other valuable research, development, commercial, financial, technical and/or proprietary information for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecution of this action is warranted. Such confidential and proprietary materials and information consist of, among other things, confidential business or financial information, information regarding confidential business practices, or other confidential research, development, or commercial information (including information implicating privacy rights of third parties), information otherwise generally unavailable to the public, or which may be privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure under state or federal statutes, court rules, case decisions, or common law. Accordingly, to expedite the flow of information, to facilitate the prompt resolution of disputes over confidentiality of discovery materials, to

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2 ensure that the parties are permitted reasonable necessary uses of such material in

3 preparation for and in the conduct of trial, to address their handling at the end of

4 | the litigation, and serve the ends of justice, a protective order for such information

is justified in this matter. It is the intent of the parties that information will not be

designated as confidential for tactical reasons and that nothing be so designated

without a good faith belief that it has been maintained in a confidential, non-public

manner, and there is good cause why it should not be part of the public record of

9 this case.

2. <u>DEFINITIONS</u>

- 2.1 <u>Action</u>: the instant action, *Javier Gomez, et al. v. UMG Recordings, Inc.*, C.D. Cal. Case No. 2:24-cv-4310 JAK (SK*x*).
- 2.2 Challenging Party: a Party or Non-Party that challenges the designation of information or items under this Order.
- 2.3 <u>"CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items</u>: information (regardless of how it is generated, stored, or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c), and as specified above in the Good Cause Statement.

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Information or Items: extremely sensitive "CONFIDENTIAL"

Information or Items, the disclosure of which to another Party or NonParty would create a substantial risk of serious harm that could not be avoided by less restrictive means.

- 2.4 <u>Counsel</u>: Outside Counsel of Record and House Counsel (as well as their support staff).
- 2.5 <u>Designating Party</u>: a Party or Non-Party that designates information or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as

- 2.6 <u>Disclosure or Discovery Material</u>: all items or information, regardless of the medium or manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, and tangible things), that are produced or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.
- 2.7 <u>Expert</u>: a person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent to the litigation who has been retained by a Party or its counsel to serve as an expert witness or as a consultant in this Action.
- 2.8 <u>House Counsel</u>: attorneys who are employees of a party to this Action. House Counsel does not include Outside Counsel of Record or any other outside counsel.
- 2.9 <u>Non-Party</u>: any natural person, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity not named as a Party to this action.
- 2.10 Outside Counsel of Record: attorneys who are not employees of a party to this Action but are retained to represent or advise a party to this Action and have appeared in this Action on behalf of that party or are affiliated with a law firm which has appeared on behalf of that party, including support staff.
- 2.11 <u>Party</u>: any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors, employees, consultants, retained experts, and Outside Counsel of Record (and their support staffs).
- 2.12 <u>Producing Party: a Party or Non-Party that produces Disclosure or Discovery Material in this Action.</u>
- 2.13 <u>Professional Vendors</u>: persons or entities that provide litigation support services (e.g., photocopying, videotaping, translating, preparing exhibits or demonstrations, and organizing, storing, or retrieving data in any form or medium) and their employees and subcontractors.

- 2.14 <u>Protected Material</u>: any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as "CONFIDENTIAL." or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY."

 2.15 <u>Receiving Party</u>: a Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material
- from a Producing Party.

3. SCOPE

The protections conferred by this Stipulation and Order cover not only Protected Material (as defined above), but also (1) any information copied or extracted from Protected Material; (2) all copies, excerpts, summaries, or compilations of Protected Material; and (3) any testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or their Counsel that might reveal Protected Material.

Any use of Protected Material during a court hearing or at trial shall be governed by the orders of the trial judge. This Order does not govern the use of Protected Material during a court hearing or at trial.

4. DURATION

Even after final disposition of this litigation, as defined in Section 13 (FINAL DISPOSITION), the confidentiality obligations imposed by this Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a court order otherwise directs.

5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

A. Exercise of Restraint and Care in Designating Material for Protection. Each Party or Non-Party that designates information or items for protection under this Order must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate standards. The Designating Party must designate for protection only those parts of material, documents, items, or oral or written communications that qualify so that other portions of the material, documents, items, or communications for which protection is not warranted are not swept unjustifiably within the ambit of this Order.

Mass, indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited.

Designations that are shown to be clearly unjustified or that have been made for an improper purpose (e.g., to unnecessarily encumber the case development process or to impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties) may expose the Designating Party to sanctions.

If it comes to a Designating Party's attention that information or items that it designated for protection do not qualify for protection, that Designating Party must promptly notify all other Parties that it is withdrawing the inapplicable designation.

Manner and Timing of Designations. Except as otherwise provided in this Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of Section 5.2(a) below), or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, Disclosure or Discovery Material that qualifies for protection under this Order must be clearly so designated before the material is disclosed or produced.

Designation in conformity with this Order requires:

for information in documentary form (e.g., paper or electronic 16 documents, but excluding transcripts of depositions or other pretrial or trial proceedings), that the Producing Party affix at a minimum, the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEYS' EYES 19 ONLY" (hereinafter "CONFIDENTIAL legend" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL 20 ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY legend"), to each page that contains protected material. 21 If the information is contained in a file format that does not reasonably allow for the 22 affixing of such legend, then the Producing Party may designate for the protection 23 | the information within such file by stating such designation via the transmittal e-mail 24 or letter, or by producing a slip sheet in its production which identifies the bates 25 | number of the file in question and the confidentiality designation for that file. If only 26 a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing 27 Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making appropriate markings in the margins).

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A Party or Non-Party that makes original documents available for
inspection need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party
has indicated which documents it would like copied and produced. During the
inspection and before the designation, all of the material made available for
inspection shall be deemed "CONFIDENTIAL." or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL
—ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." After the inspecting Party has identified the
documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must determine
which documents, or portions thereof, qualify for protection under this Order.
Then, before producing the specified documents, the Producing Party must affix
the "CONFIDENTIAL legend" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEYS"
EYES ONLY legend" to each page that contains Protected Material. If only a
portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for protection, the Producing
Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making
appropriate markings in the margins).

- (b) for testimony given in depositions that the Designating Party identify the Disclosure or Discovery Material on the record, before the close of the deposition all protected testimony.
- (c) for information produced in some form other than documentary and for any other tangible items, that the Producing Party affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container or containers in which the information is stored the legend "CONFIDENTIAL." If only a portion or portions of the information warrants protection, the Producing Party, to the extent practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).
 - C. <u>Inadvertent Failures to Designate</u>. If timely corrected, an inadvertent failure to designate qualified information or items does not, standing alone, waive the Designating Party's right to secure protection under this Order for such material. Upon timely correction of a designation, the Receiving Party must make reasonable

efforts to assure that the material is treated in accordance with the provisions of this Order.

6. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS

- A. <u>Timing of Challenges</u>. Any Party or Non-Party may challenge a designation of confidentiality at any time that is consistent with the Court's Scheduling Order.
- B. <u>Meet and Confer.</u> The Challenging Party Shall initiate the dispute resolution process under Civil Local Rule 37-1 et seq.
- C. The burden of persuasion in any such challenge proceeding shall be on the Designating Party. Frivolous challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses and burdens on other parties), may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the Designating Party has waived or withdrawn the confidentiality designation, all parties shall continue to afford the material in question the level of protection to which it is entitled under the Producing Party's designation until the Court rules on the challenge.

7. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

- A. <u>Basic Principles</u>. A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed or produced by another Party or by a Non-Party in connection with this Action only for prosecuting, defending, or attempting to settle this Action. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the conditions described in this Order. When the Action has been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the provisions of Section 13 below (FINAL DISPOSITION).
- Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a secure manner that ensures that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

В. Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items. 1 Unless 2 otherwise ordered by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a 3 disclose information Receiving Party may any or item designated "CONFIDENTIAL" only to: 4 the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of Record in this Action, 5 (a) as well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this Action; 8 the officers, directors, and employees (including House Counsel) 9 of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action; 10 (c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the 11 12 "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A); 13 (d) the Court and its personnel; court reporters and their staff; 14 (e) 15 (f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and 16 Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and 17 who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A); 18 the author or recipient of a document containing the information (g) or a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information; 20 (h) during their depositions, witnesses, and attorneys for witnesses, in the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary provided: (1) the deposing 22 party requests that the witness sign the form attached as Exhibit A hereto; and (2) 23 | they will not be permitted to keep any confidential information unless they sign the 24 | "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A), unless otherwise lagreed by the Designating Party or ordered by the Court. Pages of transcribed 26 deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material may be separately bound by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as

permitted under this Stipulated Protective Order; and

1	(1) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting
2	personnel, mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement
3	discussions.
4	7.3 Disclosure of "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEYS' EYES
5	ONLY" Information or Items. Unless otherwise ordered by the court or permitted
6	in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any information
7	or item designated "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY"
8	only to:
9	(a) the Receiving Party's Outside Counsel of Record in this Action,
10	as well as employees of said Outside Counsel of Record to whom it is reasonably
11	necessary to disclose the information for this Action;
12	(b) House Counsel of the Receiving Party;
13	(c) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party to whom
14	disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the
15	"Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);
16	(d) the Court and its personnel;
17	(e) private court reporters and their staff to whom disclosure is
18	reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the "Acknowledgment and
19	Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);
20	(f) professional jury or trial consultants, mock jurors, and
21	Professional Vendors to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and
22	who have signed the "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" (Exhibit A);
23	(g) the author or recipient of a document containing the information
24	or a custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information;
25	(h) any mediator or settlement officer, and their supporting personnel
26	mutually agreed upon by any of the parties engaged in settlement discussions.
27	8. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED
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Non-Parties in connection with this litigation is protected by the remedies and relief

- In the event that a Party is required, by a valid discovery request, to produce a Non-Party's confidential information in its possession, and the Party is subject to an agreement with the Non-Party not to produce the Non-Party's confidential information, then the Party shall:
 - promptly notify in writing the Requesting Party and the Non-(1) Party that some or all of the information requested is subject to a confidentiality agreement with a Non-Party;
 - promptly provide the Non-Party with a copy of the Stipulated (2) Protective Order in this Action, the relevant discovery request(s), and a reasonably specific description of the information requested; and
- (3) make the information requested available for inspection by the Non-Party, if requested.
- If the Non-Party fails to seek a protective order from this Court 16 within 14 days of receiving the notice and accompanying information, the Receiving Party may produce the Non-Party's confidential information responsive to the 18 discovery request. If the Non-Party timely seeks a protective order, the Receiving 19 Party shall not produce any information in its possession or control that is subject to 20 | the confidentiality agreement with the Non-Party before a determination by the Court. Absent a court order to the contrary, the Non-Party shall bear the burden and expense 22 of seeking protection in this Court of its Protected Material.

10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Stipulated Protective Order, the Receiving Party must immediately (a) notify in writing the Designating Party of the unauthorized disclosures, (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all unauthorized copies of the Protected Material, (c) inform

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- 1 the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms
- 2 of this Order, and (d) request such person or persons to execute the
- 3 | "Acknowledgment and Agreement to Be Bound" that is attached hereto as Exhibit
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11. <u>INADVERTENT PRODUCTION OF PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE</u>

PROTECTED MATERIAL

When a Producing Party gives notice to Receiving Parties that certain inadvertently produced material is subject to a claim of privilege or other protection, the obligations of the Receiving Parties are those set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B). This provision is not intended to modify whatever procedure may be established in an e-discovery order that provides for production without prior privilege review. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d) and (e), insofar as the parties reach an agreement on the effect of disclosure of a communication or information covered by the attorney-client privilege or work product protection, the parties may incorporate their agreement in the stipulated protective order submitted to the Court.

12. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. <u>Right to Relief</u>. Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek its modification by the Court in the future.
- B. <u>Right to Assert Other Objections</u>. By stipulating to the entry of this Protective Order, no Party waives any right it otherwise would have to object to disclosing or producing any information or item on any ground not addressed in this Stipulated Protective Order. Similarly, no Party waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence of any of the material covered by this Protective Order.
- C. <u>Filing Protected Material</u>. A Party that seeks to file under seal any Protected Material must comply with Civil Local Rule 79-5. Protected Material may only be filed under seal pursuant to a court order authorizing the sealing of the specific Protected Material at issue. If a Party's request to file Protected Material

under seal is denied by the court, then the Receiving Party may file the information in the public record unless otherwise instructed by the court.

13. FINAL DISPOSITION

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Final disposition shall be deemed to be the later of (1) dismissal of all claims and defenses in this Action, with or without prejudice; and (2) final judgment herein after the completion and exhaustion of all appeals, rehearings, remands, trials, or reviews of this Action, including the time limits for filing any motions or applications for extension of time pursuant to applicable law. After the final disposition of this Action, within 60 days of a written request by the Designating Party, each Receiving Party must return all Protected Material to the Producing Party or destroy such material. As used in this subdivision, "all Protected Material" includes all copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries, and any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, the Receiving Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and, if not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 60 day deadline that (1) identifies (by category, where appropriate) all the Protected Material that was returned or destroyed; and (2) affirms that the Receiving Party has not retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries, or any other format reproducing or capturing any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain an archival copy of all pleadings, motion papers, trial, deposition, and hearing transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, deposition and trial exhibits, expert reports, attorney work product, and consultant and expert work product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such archival copies that contain or constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in Section 4 (DURATION).

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1	14. Any violation of this Order may be punished by any and all appropriate			
2	measures including, without limitation, contempt proceedings and/or monetary			
3	sanctions.			
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6	DATED: January 17, 2025 MITCHELL, SILBERBERG & KNUPP LLP			
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8	By: /s/ Marc E. Mayer David A. Steinberg (SBN 130593)			
9	David A. Steinberg (SBN 130593) Marc E. Mayer (SBN 190969) Alexandra L. Anfuso (SBN 333440)			
10	Attorneys for Defendant UMG Recordings, Inc.			
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13	DATED: January 17, 2025 SINGH, SINGH & TRAUBEN, LLP			
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15 16	By: <u>/s/ Michael A. Trauben</u> Michael A. Trauben (SBN 277557) Attorneys for Plaintiffs			
17	Attestation Regarding Signatures: I, Marc E. Mayer, attest that all signatories			
18	listed, and on whose behalf the filing is submitted, concur in the filing's content			
19	and have authorized the filing. By:/s/Marc E. Mayer			
20	Marc E. Mayer			
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22	FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, IT IS SO ORDERED.			
23	DATED 1			
24	DATED: January 21, 2025 Honorable Steve Kim			
25	United States Magistrate Judge			
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STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

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	EXHIBIT A		
	ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND		
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4	5 [print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury		
(6 that I have read in its entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that		
,	7 was issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of California		
8	8 on [date] in the case of Javier Gomez, et al. v. UMG Recordings, Inc., C.D. Cal.		
Ç	9 Case No. 2:24-cv-4310 JAK (SK <i>x</i>). I agree to comply with and to be bound by all		
10	the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order, and I understand and acknowledge		
1	that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the		
12	nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any		
13	information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person		
14	or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.		
1:	I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District		
10	Court for the Central District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms		
1'	of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur		
18	after termination of this action. I hereby appoint		
19	[print or type full name] of [print		
20	or type full address and telephone number] as my California agent for service of		
2	process in connection with this action or any proceedings related to enforcement of		
22	this Stipulated Protective Order.		
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